MEN'S CLUB PLAY

The Men's Club is preparing a comedy to be presented in the McCallum Street Parish House Thursday and Friday nights, November 9th and 10th. It is called "The Womanless Wedding," and was given by the Club several years ago with great success and provided an evening of pure fun for the many who saw it. The tickets are forty cents, and may be obtained from Mr. Frederick Tucker, President of the Club or any of its members. The proceeds finance the Club and enable it to make its special financial contribution to the work of the Parish as a whole, and they bespeak your interest and support.

RUMMAGE SALE

The semi-annual Rummage Sale will be held in the High Street Parish House Friday night and during the day Saturday, October 27th and 28th. It is probably about to begin, and perhaps under way when you read this. But even late, if you have any rummage, Mrs. I. P. Willits would be glad to know of it. Her address is 31 West Walnut Lane and her telephone Germantown 2013.

By one of those generous and fine spirited acts which have been so happily characteristic of the necessary adjustments in our new parish, the Woman's Auxiliary gave up its claim on the Rummage Sale on their own suggestion, so that the proceeds of it will go to support the various divisions of the Girls' Friendly Society work in the Parish.

WOOL FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Candidates of the G. F. S. have begun with great enthusiasm and large numbers their season's work. Among their many plans and activities is the knitting of afghans. They need wool. They would be glad to receive any quantity or color. Their leaders felt that there would be in the Parish people who had odd bits of wool left over which they would be glad to donate to the Candidates. If you have will you please notify, or send it to, either Mrs. James C. Charlton, 108 E. Walnut Lane, or Miss Caroline F. Wagner, 128 W. Tulpehocken Street. They would like it as soon as possible.

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RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear Friends:

There are so many things of which I would like to speak. But limitation of space and decent regard for your patience compels to choose of the most pressing.

The Chimes-Messenger

A Parish paper coming out regularly and reaching every family is more than a pleasant luxury, it is almost a necessity. But in order to be really useful it must reach every household in the Parish. That entails a considerable expense not only for printing but also for mailing. We discussed the matter at the Vestry meeting recently, and I was authorized to go ahead with a parish paper to be issued eight or nine months in the year. So beginning with this October issue, about the middle of the month from now until May or June The Chimes-Messenger will come to your house. If you are minded to help me with the expense of it I would be glad to receive contributions in any amount from fifty cents up. I imagine that the cost will be from four to five hundred dollars a year. I hope many of you will want to help.

The Church School

On the other pages you will find some account of our various organizations which I hope you will read and give your help to those which appeal to you as avenues through which you can serve in the Parish.

There is nothing so vital and urgent as the religious training of the children of the Parish. It is of course a truism, but it can never become trite, to say that the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow. They will become the kind of leaders we make of them in the formative years of life. That is the work of the Church School. Our School has opened with excellent promise of a year of great usefulness. I earnestly bespeak for Mr. Priest and the officers and teachers the hearty cooperation of the scholars and their parents. Help by seeing as far as you can to three things, that they are regularly in attendance Sunday by Sunday, and quite as important that they are regularly on time. Nothing more easily and quickly

demoralizes good work than to have teachers and scholars come straggling in from five to fifteen minutes late. It spoils the heartiness of the start and puts a damper on the whole session. And the third thing is perhaps the most important of all. Encourage the children to take their work seriously by giving some time and thought to the preparation of the lesson.

There is one other thing of the deepest importance in which I ask for the family cooperation. A prime function of the Church School is to teach and train the children in the art and habit of worship as the source of power for life. The only permanent way to acquire the art and habit of worship is to practice it. Encourage your children to come with you to the regular worship of the congregation in the Church. If it seems too long for the younger ones, they are allowed to go out quietly before the sermon. One of the great sources of strength in religion is the family pew where the children grow up in the habit of worship with their parents.

The Services

That leads naturally to the worship habits of us older folks. We cannot expect children just to do what we tell them, we can hope that they will do what we do. Perhaps if we thought more of worship, they would. It is easy and not always successful to say "go." It is more difficult but much more likely to be successful to say "come." So I want to say a few words to remind us all of the regular services in the Church. Every Sunday in the year there is a celebration of the Holy Communion at eight o'clock. We have good numbers at that service but surely there are many more who could come and who would by experience learn the spiritual power that comes out of that quiet weekly tryst with God before the distractions of the day have made us stale.

In addition to that service there is a weekly celebration of the Holy Communion on Wednesdays at half past nine. It gives to those who value a weekly or more frequent Communion and who are perhaps prevented by one reason or another from being present at other services the opportunity they desire.

At the eleven o'clock service and the night service we have been having very good congregations. But the summer is over now, we are all home and at work. Let us all begin again to be in Church. You have been. Good. I am glad and hope you will be next Sunday, again. You have not been in Church yet this fall. I am sorry. I hope you will be next Sunday. Especial efforts for Church attendance on one particular Sunday do not appeal much to me. They are apt to be just a flash in the pan without lasting results or value. But we can set a time to begin and set ourselves resolutely to a continuous work. Let us try that. I ask every member of the Parish to be in Church at one of the services at least on the coming Sunday, October 29th, as the pledge and earnest of an honest effort to be there regularly. We ought to be able to fill our Church Sunday by Sunday. Let us do it. Make an appointment with the Lord for next Sunday and keep it.

And finally I would like to say a personal word of my deep appreciation of the generous kindness and the spirit of cooperation I have found all over the Parish as we have gone about our task of welding our two parishes into one. It has been a joy and an inspiration and I verily believe as fine an example of real Christianity as is known in our Diocese. One can but be proud and grateful to God for the privilege of serving such a congregation. And it gives good promise of what we will accomplish together in the years to come.

Faithfully yours,

GILBERT E. PEMBER.

OUR ORGANIZATIONS

All our organizations are pretty well under way for the season's work. It has been a good deal of a task to get them all fitted into another and to fit them into times and places of meeting. But it has been a happy and satisfactory task. The amalgamation of separate organizations doing the same work which looked so delicate and difficult from a distance has proved that Christian people approaching such a task in the right spirit can work even miracles. Fears dissolve in the presence of good will, doubts run away from large hearted faith, and difficulties melt away before the warmth of determination.

The first requirement of a wholesome parish life is a worshipping congregation and the second is a working

congregation. Because the ideal is that every member of the Parish should have a share in the work it is worth while at the beginning of the season to give a brief resume of our organizations with the names of their heads, so that if you are not now connected with any of them, you can pick the one that suits you and get in touch with it. The schedule of the meetings as to time and places is posted in the vestibules of the Church and on the bulletin boards of the Parish House.

The Woman's Auxiliary

This is the great national organization through which the women of the Church express their interest and give their support to the extension of the Kingdom of God. Every baptized woman is a potential member of the W. A. And our Branch appeals to the women of the Parish to claim their privilege of membership. Mrs. John A. Slemons, 228 W. Johnson St., is the President.

The Girls' Friendly Society

This is primarily for the younger women of the parish, and has a very varied program of great interest offering opportunities for helpful instruction, healthful athletics, and useful work in the Church. Mrs. I. P. Willits, 31 W. Walnut Lane is the Branch Secretary.

Married Members' Club

This is composed primarily of former G. F. S. girls who have married. But it is by no means confined to them or even to married womeen. They are anxious to get new members and ask all former memberes of the G. F. S. especially to join with them. Mrs. E. Rosen, 50 Pastorius St., is the President.

G. F. S. Candidates

This is the seed plot of the G. F. S. and is for younger girls from kindergarten age up. We have a very large branch, one of the largest in the country. We are very much concerned that all the girls in the Parish have a share in its happiness and profit. Many of them do not know of it. Inquire of those who do and see how helpful and interesting it is. The leaders in charge are Mrs. James C. Charlton, 108 E. Walnut Lane, and Miss Caroline F. Wagner, 128 W. Tulpehocken Street.

The Mothers' Meeting

This is a familiar organization and a most useful one

and it has room for many more members than it now has. Perhaps this is the place where you can best serve and profit. The leader is Mrs. Walter G. Scott, 5371 Wingohocking Terrace.

The Daughters of The King

This organization, small in numbers but rich in purpose and possibility has an almost exclusively spiritual purpose. It meets for study and prayer and it offers its assistance to the Rector in his work. Its work is always done quietly and for the most part is unknown except to those who do it and for whom it is done. Mrs. Richard G. MacIver, 5328 Wingohocking Terrace, is the Secretary.

The Altar Guild

This organization cares for the Sanctuary and Altar, prepares them for the vestments and Altar vessels. It is a beautiful and important work. Miss Lillian Armstrong, 147 E. Walnut Lane, is the Directress.

The Parish Aid

This organization looks after the choir vestments and sees that the boys are properly vested at each service. It is a considerable chore each week and one of those things the results of which are apparent but the work of which is never seen. Mrs. G. Elwood Wagner, 6612 Emlen St., is the President.

Young People's Fellowship

This is a group of the younger men and women of the Parish. It meets for discussion and worship and provides a centre of social life for our young people. It is new to some of our Parish and those who now find it helpful ask the young folk of the parish to give it a trial. Miss Florence Fagan, 6603 Quincy Street, is President.

Boys' Club

This club for the boys meets chiefly for social gatherings and athletics. The boys are for the most part of 'teen age. This is new to a good many of the boys of the Parish and more of them should be in it. The leader is Mr. D. Franklin Wilcox, 6338 Greene Street.

The Boy Scouts

This organization is so well known generally that it needs no description. The Scouts are comfortably housed in the High Street Parish House where they will welcome

their members and new recruits. Mr. Alton Hull, 505 E. Washington Lane, is the Scout Master.

The Men's Club

This is for all the men of the Parish of any age and has always been a most useful and flourishing organization. It is new to some of us, and its officers and members are most anxious to welcome to its work and play all the men of the Parish. Mr. Frederick Tucker, 51 W. Walnut Lane, is President.

The Choir

Boys are always coming and going in the choir due to the changing of their voices. For that reason the Choir is always on the lookout for new boys. The Choirmaster is always glad to see and try the voices of any boys who will apply to him. There is some times a waiting list, but the turn of each will come. If your boys would like to sing, have him see Mr. Thomas after a service or in the McCallum Street Parish House Wednesday or Friday evening. Mr. Thomas' house address is 222 Sumac Street, Roxborough.

Men's Bible Class

The class meets each Sunday morning at half-past-nine in the McCallum Street Parish House and closes in time for its members to be in the Church for the service at eleven. The class cordially invites the men of the Parish to join with them. Mr. James Carmint, 6373 Sherman St., is the President and Mr. Charles Craig is the Teacher.

SAINTS' DAYS

One of the very practical and most useful assets of the Church is the Church Year, the keeping of which, if we kept it, would make us balanced and well rounded Church people, rightly informed and duly practised in our religion. In the course of the year the Church finds place in her calendar for those who have in one way or another been associated with the great beginnings of Christianity. We remember and honor before God their memory and take courage and inspiration from their "good examples" to press on in our own Christian living. The Prayer Book provides for a celebration of the Holy Communion on such days. We always have one. The hour of it meets the convenience of many people, but that hour entirely prevents

other people from ever having the benefit of such services. We ought to give every one at least an opportunity to avail themselves of the privilege the Church is expected to provide for them. And in a parish the size of ours now there should be, and probably are, enough people who would value the opportunity to justify us in providing an additional service. At any rate we are going to try it for a time and find out from experiment whether there are or not. So that from now on on Saints Day and Holy Days there will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion, one at half past seven and the second at half past nine.

Before another issue of the Chimes Messenger is published there will be two Saints Days.

The first is St. Simon and St. Jude on Saturday, October 28th. We do not know much about these two Apostles. We cannot recount their deeds or point to their virtues. Apparently they were not very brilliant in thought or deed. But then, neither are we! And it is a help and an inspiration to reflect that our Lord found a use for people of just ordinary ability and could and did use them at a critical time in the Church's life. These Apostles were "just folks" like us. We can thank God for "folks" and take courage.

The other Holy Day is one which is dear to the hearts of all of us. All Saints Day has its help for us all. I have always been thankful that in our Church we have not made the distinction between All Saints and All Souls that is made in the Roman Church. There is a sound spiritual democracy in the inclusion of all the departed in one great body—the Saints whose "names shine forth like stars in sacred story" and the unknown saints who became saints just because they did their duty and lived their lives in unknown places and unsung ways but loyal to their Lord. We all, every one of us, have our own personal Calendar of Saints, people we have loved, who have influenced us for good, or into whose lives on earth we were privileged to bring some good. We remember them with gratitude and hope of tender affection; in the fellowship of the Holy Communion we assert our continued fellowship with them, the Communion of Saints; and we remember them before God with the confident hope and prayer that God "will grant them continual growth in His love and service" as well as "give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of His heavenly Kingdom." G. E. P.

A PARISH DAY OF PRAYER

The Daughters of The King have arranged for a Day of Prayer for the Parish to be held on All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st. Their program is that some one should be in the Church the whole day, from the time of the early celebration at half past seven until five or six o'clock. To assure this they have apportioned half hours to themselves and are asking a number of others to take the remaining periods. That will assure the continuity of the stream of prayer through the day. But it should be distinctly understood that it is not confined to those who have been appointed to special periods. It is hoped that many of our people will take advantage of the opportunity to be in the Church at some time during the day to think and pray. A suggested scheme of topics of prayer with books of suggested prayers will be found in the pews before the side Altar. Nothing could be more promising or more full of potency for the great venture we are making in Christ Church and St. Michael's than that numbers of our people should set a portion of this day apart as a solemn dedication of themselves to this work and of prayer for it and all the workers. May God give us freely of the spirit of prayer and bless us with the abundance of His power that we may do His will.

THE W. A. QUIET DAY

The National Council of the Woman's Auxiliary has appointed Armistice Day, November 11th as a day of special prayer for the W. A. throughout the country. Our nearest neighbor, St. Peter's Church, through their Auxiliary has invited us to join with them in the observance of this day. Our Auxiliary at their last meeting accepted the invitation. It is earnestly hoped that the women of our Parish will set aside this day and that we may be at the services in full force. The final arrangements are not made as yet and will be announced in due time. We do know this much, however. The day will begin with a celebration of the Holy Communion in St. Peter's Church, Wayne Avenue and Harvey Street, at half past ten at which Dr. Pember will be the Celebrant by the gracious invitation of Mr. Vogt, the Rector of St. Peter's, and Dr. Keeling, Rector Emeritus of St. Peter's, will make the address.

THE CHURCH OPEN DAILY

At our last Vestry meeting we talked over the wisdom of keeping the Church open daily. On the whole it seemed wise and right to run the risk of intruders with malicious purpose in order to make it possible for people to use God's House between Sundays, as a place where they can go for a few moments of quietness, rest, recollectedness and prayer in surroundings that speak of and for God. So in the future you will find the Tower door of the Church open during the day. And I trust that many of you will take advantage of the opportunity to go in and say your prayers for our work and workers now and then. G. E. P.

PARISH SUPPER

At the last meeting of the W. A. it was decided with the hearty approval of the Rector to continue the series of Parish Suppers through the year, having one on the second Thursday of each month beginning with Thursday, November 9th. They are a help financially which is good. Even more important they serve a social purpose. And this year it is especially important that all our people should get to know one another better. So it is asked that our people quite generally come to these suppers. They are served in the MacCallum Street Parish House from six to seven thirty. The charge is 50c for adults and 25c for children under twelve.

One of the important things about a meal is that there should be enough provision to satisfy the needs of those who come. A second is that it should be served fresh and hot when they come. If we are to do that we have to have the co-operation of our people in two ways. First. Make your reservations ahead. Those in charge should know not later than Wednesday morning how many they will have to provide for. Second. The supper is served for an hour and a half. That means that there will be people coming and going all through that time. If, in making your reservation, you will state at what hour you expect to come, six, six thirty, six forty-five, seven, seven fifteen, it will greatly help those in charge and assure you a more satisfactory supper. Reservations can be telephoned to Mrs. George S. Wertsner, Germantown 8901; Mrs. Walter H. Andrus, Germantown 2025; or the Rectory, Germantown 9537.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9th, 6.00 to 7.30 P. M.